

TOP 100 NOVELS FOR YOUTH

Our list of the Top 100 Novels for Youth is based on a list of titles submitted by hundreds of teachers and librarians across the country and subsequently published by School Library Journal in 2012. Many Lincoln City Libraries staff then voted on their top ten, and this list is a result of the merging of the two. The books on this list are appropriate for readers aged nine to twelve, younger for reading aloud.

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase
By Aiken, Joan

Little Women
By Alcott, Louisa May

The Book of Three
By Alexander, Lloyd

Mr. Popper's Penguins
By Atwater, Richard

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle
By Avi

Tuck Everlasting
By Babbitt, Natalie

Peter Pan
By Barrie, J.M

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz
By Baum, Frank L.

The Penderwicks
By Birdsall, Jeanne

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing
By Blume, Judy

The Children of Green Knowe
By Boston, L.M.

Caddie Woodlawn
By Brink, Carol

Skeleton Man
Bruchac, Joseph

The Secret Garden
By Burnett, Francis Hodgson

The Little Princess
By Burnett, Francis Hodgson

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
By Carroll, Lewis

Henry Huggins
By Cleary, Beverly

Ramona and her Father
By Cleary, Beverly

Ramona Quimby, Age 8
By Cleary, Beverly

Ramona the Pest
By Cleary, Beverly

Frindle
By Clements, Andrew

Sadako and the 1000 Paper Cranes
By Coerr, Eleanor

The Dark is Rising
By Cooper, Susan

Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher
By Coville, Bruce

Love That Dog
By Creech, Sharon

Walk Two Moons
By Creech, Sharon

The Watson's Go to Birmingham-1963
By Curtis, Christopher Paul

Bud, Not Buddy
By Curtis, Christopher Paul

BFG (Big Friendly Giant)
By Dahl, Roald

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
By Dahl, Roald

James and the Giant Peach
By Dahl, Roald

Matilda
By Dahl, Roald

The Witches
By Dahl, Roald

Because of Winn Dixie
By DiCamillo, Kate

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane
By DiCamillo, Kate

The Tale of Despereaux
By DiCamillo, Kate

Morning Girl
By Dorris, Michael

City of Ember
By DuPrau, Jeanne

Half Magic
By Eager, Edward

Gone-Away Lake
By Enright, Elizabeth

The Saturdays
By Enright, Elizabeth

The Birchbark House
By Erdrich, Louise

Harriet the Spy
By Fitzhugh, Louise

Johnny Tremain
By Forbes, Esther

Inkheart
By Funke, Cornelia

The Graveyard Book
Gaiman, Neil

My Father's Dragon
By Gannet, Ruth Stiles

My Side of the Mountain
By George, Jean Craighead

Old Yeller
By Gipson, Fred

The Little White Horse
By Goudge, Elizabeth

The Wind in the Willows
By Grahame, Kenneth

Out of the Dust
By Hesse, Karen

Bunnicula
By Howe, James

The Phantom Tollbooth
By Juster, Norton

Kira-Kira
By Kadohata, Cynthia

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
By Konigsburg, E.L.

The View from Saturday
By Konigsburg, E.L.

A Wrinkle in Time
By L'Engle, Madeline

Ella Enchanted
By Levine, Gail Carson

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
By Lewis, C.S.

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon
By Lin, Grace

Pippi Longstocking
By Lindgren, Astrid

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson
By Lord, Bette

Betsy Tacy
By Lovelace, Maud Hart

The Giver
By Lowry, Lois

Number the Stars
By Lowry, Lois

Sarah, Plain and Tall
By MacLachlan, Patricia

Winnie the Pooh
By Milne, A.A.

Anne of Green Gables
By Montgomery, L.M.

The Borrowers
By Norton, Mary

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH
By O'Brien, Robert

Island of the Blue Dolphins
By O'Dell, Scott

Bridge to Terabithia
By Paterson, Katherine

The Great Gilly Hopkins
By Paterson, Katherine

Hatchet
By Paulsen, Gary

A Long Way From Chicago
By Peck, Richard

The Golden Compass
By Pullman, Philip

Westing Game
By Raskin, Ellen

Where the Red Fern Grows
By Rawls, Wilson

The Lightning Thief
By Riordan, Rick

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone
By Rowling, J.K.

Esperanza Rising
By Ryan, Pam Munoz

Holes
By Sachar, Louis

Sideways Stories from Wayside School
By Sachar, Louis

The Bad Beginning
By Snicket, Lemony

The Egypt Game
By Snyder, Zilpha Keatley

The Witch of Blackbird Pond
By Speare, Elizabeth George

Maniac Magee
By Spinelli, Jerry

Stargirl
By Spinelli, Jerry

When You Reach Me
By Stead, Rebecca

The Mysterious Benedict Society
By Stewart, Trenton Lee

Ballet Shoes
By Streatfeild, Noel

Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry
By Taylor, Mildred

All-Of-A-Kind Family
By Taylor, Sydney

The Hobbit
By Tolkien, J.R.R.

The Thief
By Turner, Megan Whalen

Charlotte's Web
By White, E.B.

Little House in the Big Woods
By Wilder, Laura Ingalls

Little House on the Prairie
By Wilder, Laura Ingalls

One Crazy Summer
By Williams-Garcia, Rita

Here are a few ways readers might approach tackling this list:

- Read all of the books published in a certain decade.
- Explore all the fantasy or realistic fiction in the group.
- Choose to read the books with animals as the main characters.
- Get to know a certain author by reading all of his or her books.
- Or, make up your own family, individual or group reading idea.

Then, we invite you to tell us about your reading challenge in August. We'll post your story on our Facebook page that month.

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Name: (As you prefer it to appear on Facebook):

Description of reading challenge:

How did it go?: